

THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF HEREFORD,  
WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND  
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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR C



"Anyone who does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple" (Lk.14, 26)

THE PARISH

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**NEW Zoom ID 356 505 3411. Passcode: x55Ftu**

TWENTY-THIRD WEEK OF YEAR C

Sat.Sep. 06 Mass of Ord. Sun.23, K'ton. 6.00

Sun. 07 Ord. Sunday 23

Mass- Weobley.10.30Z

Int: Sheila Mundy & Family

Baptism of Iolo Goodwin

Mon. 08 NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Morning prayer each day 9,40, courtesy of Zoom

Sat. 13 Mass of Ord.Sun.24<sup>th</sup>.6.00pm. K'ton

Sun. 14 24<sup>th</sup>. Sun.of the Year. Mass 10.30

URGENT PRAYERS.

For the children and teachers of the school in Minnesota

For permanent peace between Sudan and Dafur. And between India and Pakistan.

For the immediate release of remaining Israeli Hostages. That the political leaders of Israel and members of Hamas will begin to obey God's fifth commandment: "Thou shalt not kill". For the survival of Gaza and the native Palestinians and that these peoples may have food, freedom and the right to decide their own future,

That President Trump will observe the rights of Ukraine to their own territory.

That our young people will be drawn away from the cult of knife-crime.

For Prince William and Princess Kate in their initiatives for the homeless and the deprived of our country.

PARISH INTENTIONS

For those in our parish or known to us who are sick or in need of special prayers: John & Vicky Tanner, Graham Vaughan, Melita Denaro, Vivian Brooke, Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Roger Nichols, Bill Davies, Kath Morgan, Ann Clarke, Julia Evans. John Cochrane, Tricia Carter.

For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead: Sheila Mundy.

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time: Evelyn Allen (M.'96), Luigi Nazzari (T.'78), Susanna Leveridge (W.'74), Catherine McGinn (Sa.).

For King Charles III and Queen Camilla. May they always set the highest standards of leadership for our country. We also pray for our government, especially our Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer and his cabinet. May they govern with integrity following the religious beliefs and social needs of our country. And we pray for the leaders of all the other countries of the world, esp.President Zelenski of Ukraine and conversion of the Russian leaders.

KEEP PRAYING FOR LIFE

1. Against our ever-relaxing abortion laws.
2. for the defeat of the proposed Assisted Suicide bill.(Local M.P.s: Ellie Chownes voted in favour of the Bill. Jessie Norman against. Work on Ellie Chownes.

15 MINUTE DAILY PRAYER HAS STARTED.

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US IN PERSON OR ON 'ZOOM'. Our ipads afford us a great new opportunity in a rural parish to carry out the wishes of The Acts of the Apostles and of Vatican II, that the faithful should join together for daily prayer. Just down-load a programme called 'UNIVERSALIS' that day. PRAYER IS FUN. NEW ZOOM ID: 356 505 3411. Passcode: x55Ftu

## SERMONETTE – THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR C

### FIRST READING from the Book of Wisdom (Ch.9, vv.13-18)

The Wisdom books are inspired by God and they tell us about the mind of God. Like all biblical books, they are written in the culture of their time and at their time of writing, after the Babylonian captivity, they became heavily influenced by the wisdom of the Greeks but, unlike the Greeks who saw culture and history in a cycle, the Jewish mind was focussed on an eternal God of future fulfilment. In this text we see the fatalism of the Greeks – “a perishable body weighs down the soul” – but we also find the first mention of God’s “holy spirit from above”. The prophecy of Isaiah is echoed in “the paths of those on earth will be straightened” and finally the notion that men are “saved by Wisdom”. Is Wisdom therefore God Himself, for He alone can save?

### SECOND READING from the Letter to Philemon. (vv.9-17)

In this brief letter, Paul is appealing from prison in Rome to a companion named Philemon whose name does not appear elsewhere but who obviously is a disciple. Paul is trusting him to look after a younger disciple and friend, a former slave, named Onesimus whose name does appear in other letters. It is not clear what Paul expects except that he himself is old and chained in prison and cannot do anything for Onesimus. Paul is appealing to the common sense of discipleship which he has inculcated in Philemon and which disciples should see as a basic duty of care.

### THE HOLY GOSPEL from the gospel of Luke, (Ch.14, vv.25-33)

It seems that as the crowds around Jesus got greater his message became more severe. Must we really hate father and mother and all our relations in order to follow Jesus? It does not seem to square with His teaching on love of our neighbour. What becomes clear through His other teachings is how blood relations can become an obstacle to the severity of following Christ. In Luke, Jesus frequently uses worldly examples to explain his points. So, if you want to reach the kingdom you have to sit down and calculate the cost to yourself. It is no good bringing in all the needs of the family. If you are going to take the heavenly kingdom by storm – the only way – it is no good approaching it half-heartedly. As Jesus says elsewhere: “The kingdom of heaven is taken by violence and only the violent bear it away”.

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**STOP PRESS: Coming up.**

**Fr. Simon will be absent, on holiday, from this Sunday afternoon, September 7<sup>th</sup>. until the following Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Any real emergencies, call Fr. Paul at Leominster 07810.006 998, or Belmont Abbey: 01432.374 710**

**ALL IMPORTANT PARISH BAR-B-QUE HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>..**

**12.00 noon to 2.30ish OWING TO THREATENED BAD WEATHER.**

**Helpers will be needed to put up the marquees beforehand. Please contact Frank. 07909.660 160**

**Salads and puddings needed on the day. Please sign the notice in the church or contact Joan: 07528.676 760.**

### **TINTERN SUNG VESPERS OF OUR LADY.**

**Next Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>.3.00, at Tintern Abbey. Sung by the monks of Belmont Abbey and the choir of Newport Cathedral. (See posters).**

**MEET THE NEW MONKS, Saturday Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. at Belmont Abbey. Come and meet the monks from St. Gregory’s Abbey, Downside, who are now resident at Belmont Abbey. Hedley Lodge from 10.00am.**

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**GATES: UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE DECIDED TO CLOSE THE CAR-PARK GATES AT NIGHT, ESPECIALLY ON WEEKENDS. THIS IS BECAUSE CERTAIN PERSONS OF A PERAMBULANT DISPOSITION ARE TAKING IT UPON THEMSELVES TO CAMP DOWN ON APPARENTLY VACANT PROPERTIES. SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE: I HOPE IT WON’T LAST LONG. Fr. Simon**